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SUBJECT: LOS: IMCO MARINE POLLUTION CONFERENCE - LOS
IMPLICATIONS

1. SHAFFIE ABDEL-HAMID, EGYPTIAN REPRESENTATIVE AT SEA-BED COMMITTEE, HAS REPRESENTED EGYPT DURING FIRST WEEK OF CONFERENCE AND HAS PLAYED ROLE OF LEADER OF THAT PART OF THE GROUP OF 77 MEMBERS PRESENT HERE. WHILE HE HAS BEEN HELPFUL IN MOVING GROUP OF 77 COUNTRIES TOWARD ACCEPTABLE NEUTRAL FORMULATION FOR ARTICLE 4 ON ENFORCEMENT, HE HAS NOT BEEN COOPERATIVE IN OTHER RESPECTS. ABDEL-HAMID HAS BEEN THE CLEAR, PUBLIC LEADER OF THE GROUP AND HAS USED GROUP POLITICS AND SOLIDARITY AS A TACTIC, THUS MAKING CERTAIN NEGOTIATIONS MORE DIFFICULT.

2. IN PARTICULAR, ABDEL-HAMID, ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP OF 77, CHALLENGED THE COMPOSITION OF THE DRAFTING COMMITTEE AND SPECIFICALLY OPPOSED THE INCLUSION OF JAPAN DURING A MEETING BETWEEN CONFERENCE PRESIDENT AND A FEW DELEGATION LEADERS. HE RELENTED BUT ONLY AFTER AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON INCLUSION OF TWO ADDITIONAL LDC'S ON

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COMMITTEE.

3. DRAFTING COMMITTEE IS COMPOSED OF GEOGRAPHICALLY BALANCED GROUP AND, IN ADDITION, AS SEPARATE CATEGORY, FOUR PERMANENT MEMBERS OF SECURITY COUNCIL WHO ARE PRESENT. MEXICO AND SPAIN OBJECTED IN PLENARY TO INCLUSION OF PERMANENT MEMBERS AS SEPARATE CATEGORY BUT DROPPED OBJECTION WHEN PRESIDENT INDICATED NAMES WOULD BE LISTED IN RECORD IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER WITH NO INDICATION OF CATEGORIES.

4. DRAFTING COMMITTEE MEMBERS: NIGERIA, TANZANIA, KENYA, EGYPT, IRAN, SINGAPORE, SRI LANKA, JAPAN, URUGUAY, MEXICO, BRAZIL, ARGENTINA, CANADA, NORWAY, SPAIN, POLAND, FRANCE, UK, USA, USSR.
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